Master plan for setting up of Food Processing Industries around Delhi

2041. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a master plan to set up food processing industries in the rural areas of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that the products prepared by the food processing industries can bring a lot of foreign exchange and can also boost the economy of the above mentioned States;

(c) whether Government propose to allow the multi-national companies such as Mac Donel, Coca-Cola, etc., to set up their business in this country; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) This Ministry have not formulated any master plan for setting up food processing industries in the rural areas of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi. The State Governments have, however, been requested to formulate suitable schemes on the basis of raw-material endowments for assistance from the Central Government.

(b) Government are aware of the export potential of the food processing industries as well as the various constraints affecting the export of processed food products.

(c) and (d) Government have approved a joint venture proposal of M/s. JMRPCO Ltd. on 21-1-1992 M/s. JMRPCO Ltd. is a company incorporated at Hong Kong in which 60% shareholding is NRI equity and 40% shareholding is of M/s. Coca Cola South Asia Holdings, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Coca-Cola, USA. In the joint venture company, JMRPCO Ltd., M/s. Britannia Industries Ltd. and Maharashtra State Government Agency will hold 66%, 24% and 10% of the equity, respectively.

Manufacture and sale of fake cold drink

2042. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that fake cold drinks are being manufactured/prepared and sold like Campa Cola;

(b) whether there is any procedure to check such type of manufacturing of hazardous/injurious product, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to issue strict guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Depression in deep sea fishing in Andhra Pradesh

2043. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the continuing depression in deep sea fishing in Andhra Pradesh during the current season;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for decline of this sector in Vishakhapatnam; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to rectify the problems and bring change in its policies, accordingly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was reported that the decline in this sector is mainly due to poor shrimp catch, over exploitation of shrimp resources absence of attractive markets for shrimp by-catch, increased cost of operation, slow acceptance of diversified fishing and inadequacy of technical expertise for the same.

(c) In order to solve these problems, Government has announced a scheme for rehabilitation of deep sea fishing industry through re-schedulement of loans and interest and extension of moratorium period. Government also provides loans and subsidy under various Plan Schemes for deep sea fishing industry. The Government is also implementing the policies of Joint Venture, Leasing and Test Fishing announced in March, 1991.

Schemes for development of fruit and vegetable processing

2044. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes formulated for the growth and development of fruit and vegetable processing in the country; and

(b) the details of infrastructure being built up for such industries to facilitate marketing of their products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) This Ministry has formulated the following schemes for growth and development of fruit and vegetable processing in the country :

1. Scheme for Food Processing and Training Centres in rural areas.
2. Scheme for assistance to State Government undertakings and co-operatives for establishing or upgrading fruits and vegetable processing facilities.
3. Scheme for strengthening backward linkages for the fruit and vegetable processing industry.
4. Development of infrastructure for Mushroom cultivation and processing.
5. Scheme for development and processing of Hops.
6. Scheme for generic advertising of processed foods and for providing marketing assistance.
7. Research and Development in the fruit and vegetable processing sector.

The Ministry provides assistance for development of infrastructure for post harvest processing, storage, etc. Under Scheme at Sl. No. 6, provisions have been made for providing assistance to the Central/State Govt. undertakings, joint sector/cooperative sector undertakings, private sector organisations to procure products from small/cottage scale units and market them under their brand name.

Delay in clearing proposals for chartered trawlers

2045. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a delay from Government's side to clear 175 proposals for chartered trawlers;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rs. 8.75 crores of the entrepreneurs' money is blocked due to the delay; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to stop poachers from foreign countries who were taking away the fish catch from exclusive economic zone of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Under the 1989 charter policy announced by the Government, a total number of 175 applications were received for grant of Letter of Intent for chartering foreign fishing vessels. No Letter of Intent/Charter Permit has been granted to any of these applicants as the 1989 charter policy has not been operationalised. An amount of Rs. 500/- per application has been received by the Government towards the application fee from the above said applicants.

(c) Under the provisions of Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of fishing by foreign vessels) Act, 1981 and rules made thereunder, Coast Guards are empowered to apprehend all the foreign fishing vessels